



## From the **New** Executive Director...

Jim McGowan

I have taken on the role of Executive Director of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) with a great sense of expectation. I look forward to working with stakeholders statewide in both the public and private sector in an effort to continue to construct safe, sensible and effective building codes for California. My most recent experience as the commission's Deputy Executive Director, which included direction and oversight of the new California Commission on Disability Access, along with nearly 34 years with the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards has made for a smooth transition thus far. I have had the good fortune of having had numerous mentors over the years who, whether they knew it or not, were instrumental in my development. And philosophically, I subscribe to the adage that "I know more than some, and less than others." This mindset has kept me grounded and teachable.

The CBSC staff is small but mighty and they are all busy working on a number of pending issues for the next triennial code adoption cycle including an update of all the model codes within Title 24, California's Building Standards Code. Additionally, staff is developing an action plan for new graywater regulations with a projected effective date of January 2014; a reorganization of the commission website, which should prove to be more accessible and user friendly; and CALGreen remains at the top of our 'to do' list with ongoing education and outreach efforts throughout the state.

We wrapped up the summer with a successful call for Code Advisory Committee (CAC) applications, which were accepted through September

15th. We anticipate that the Code Change Committee members will develop nominations from the applicant pool and meet later this fall to finalize nominations for full CBSC consideration. The commission is expected to make appointments to the CAC's at the proposed January 2012 meeting. Many thanks again to those of you who expressed an interest in participating in the development of building standards for California!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. A. [unclear]". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized ending.